



Fun in the :

Summer activities to launch your career!

Hosted by WCS Mentoring
In Collaboration with Summer of Side Projects

Welcome!



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Post Grad - Venture capital and startups!



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Research Park



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- Research Park is a great place to get started for **internships during summer and throughout the school year.**
 - A area south of campus where there's a plethora of different companies to get involved with. Enterpriseworks!!!
 - **Big events during the year:** Research Park Block Party, RP Career Fair
- Working at Research Park this summer?
 - **Research Park Summer Sessions:** Different group meetups throughout the summer where you can meet new people, learn things, and eat good food!
 - **Summer Professional Development Series:** Different workshops tailored to things such as personal finance, professional development, networking, etc.!



Grace Hopper Celebration



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- Grace Hopper Celebration is a great place to **network with industry leaders** and get your foot in the door with **research and job opportunities**
 - 3-day event in **Orlando, Florida from September 26 - 29**
- Conference Grants
 - **CS Department:** travel grant applications usually open in August
 - **Company/Organization Sponsored Grants:** Google, AnitaB, NCWIT/Bloomberg, and more!
- Event Highlights
 - **Career Expo to network and interview on-site** with partnering companies such as Apple, Bank of America, and more!
 - **After Hour Events with company sponsors**
 - Star Wars Night at Disney Studios with Hewlett Packard Enterprise
 - A Night At Disney World with The Walt Disney Company
 - Top Golf with SpaceX



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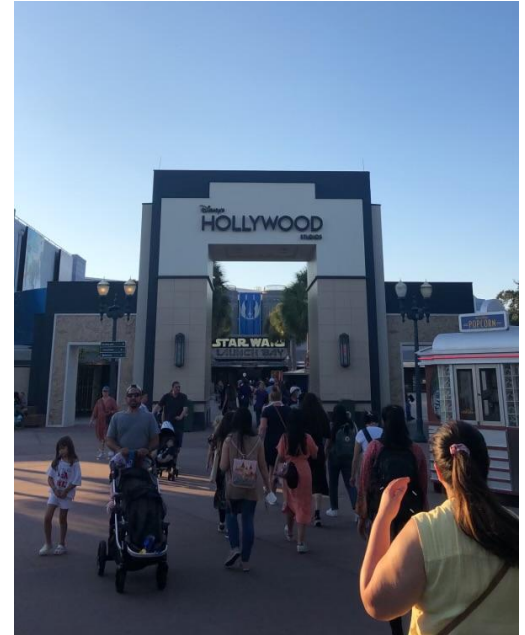
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Me with the creator of GWC!

HPE sponsored a Disney Trip for us!





Summer Events



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- There are many different events that go on during the summer that you can prepare for around the Chicagoland area and hybrid!
 - iVenture (in-person)
 - iVenture Demo Day: Usually takes place in one of the tech hubs in Chi-town; come see all the student startups work on cool things!
 - iVenture Fellowships/Startup: Work with the iVenture team to do cool stuff!
 - ThinkChicago Lolla (in-person)
 - 3-day program during Lollapalooza week. Meet and network with entrepreneurs while **getting free tickets to Lolla!**
 - MLH Fellowship (remote)
 - Learn by doing! MLH is a **12 week paid program** where you build open source tools and work with industry expert



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- There is also an abundance of remote opportunities as well to meet awesome people!
 - Rewriting The Code (virtual):
 - **Career Fair:** network 1:1 with industry professionals and attend corporate talks with sponsoring companies
 - **Internships (Apps close April 30th):** Paid internship during the school year where you lead special interest groups in topics like Crypto and AI through organizing company talks and workshops
 - CodePath Courses (virtual):
 - **Summer sessions** in different tracks spanning interview and resume prep, iOS development, Salesforce, etc.!
 - Most programs offer paid stipends as well
 - Hackathons (*mostly* virtual)
 - EPIC NOAA Hackathon, Kaggle Competitions, Tech Together Seattle
 - <https://mlh.io/seasons/2023/events>



Networking Tips:



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- **You are your biggest advocate!**
 - No-one knows your achievements better than yourself. Be proud of the awesome stuff you are creating!
- **Being genuine :)**
 - Create meaningful connections and put thought into developing relationships. This is where **quality > quantity**
 - You get out as much as you put in for relationships
 - Don't be afraid to cold email people you admire or just want to learn more about! Everyone loves sharing their own career stories and tips
- **Going to a networking event or mixer?**
 - Create memorable conversations and follow up effectively
 - Do some research beforehand on some potential people/companies you are going to meet there
- **How are we like flywheels?**



Pursuing Other Summer Opportunities



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- There are a plethora of ways you can get involved this summer including
 - **ACM Mentorship:** mentor incoming freshman CS students
 - **Women in Engineering:** become a mentor to incoming students during freshman orientation week
 - **HackIllinois:** summer planning committee to build the vision for and start event planning
 - **Teaching:**
 - Course assistants for summer courses in the CS Department such as **CS124 and CS128**
 - Summer teaching assistant programs where you teach 6 - 12th grade students fundamentals of computer science
 - **iD Tech Coding Camps**
 - **Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program**
 - **Kode With Klossy**



Our 2023 Opportunities List



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<https://tinyurl.com/opportunities2023>





Let's Connect!



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Important Resources:



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Illinois Women in Computer Science Slack: go.illinoiswcs.org/member-slack

- The best place to get up-to-date information on WCS events, opportunities, and connect with students just like you!

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WCS Member Hub: go.illinoiswcs.org/member-hub

- A fantastic resource for everything you need to know about being a WCS member and life at Illinois

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Socials:



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Linktree: linktr.ee/IllinoisWCS

Follow link on link tree for WCS Instagram, Facebook Group, Slack, Mailing List
Sign up and more !



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